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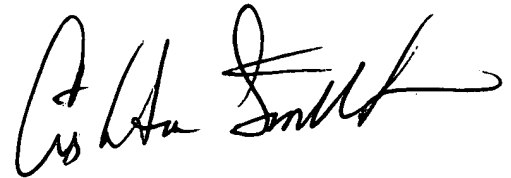
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- remote access fax machine starts detection of a password using DTMF signal
- when a user at a remote fax machine (i.e., calling party) confirms that a call has been set up at the remote fax, he or she sends a remote access password using a DTMF signal to remote access the remote-accessed password

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Applicant argues that their "communication network" forwards the incoming call, whereas in Staples et al the server (106) forwards the call. The definition of a network, according to Newton's Telecom Dictionary is "something that ties things together. Computer networks connect all types of computers and computer related things - terminals, printers, modems, door entry sensors, temperature monitors, etc." Likewise a communication network will connect all types of communication equipment - landlines, facsimile machines, switches, SCP databses, IP equipment, & VP servers to forward a phone call. Newton also states that the Local Area Network (LANs) are also communication networks in that the LAN exists within a limited geographical area. Staples et al VP server, which forwards the incoming calls, is part of a LAN (see abstract). Therefore, Staples et al LAN, of which VP server is a part of, is doing the forwarding of the incoming call just as applicant's "communication network" is doing the same. A "communication network" like Staples et al LAN & VP server (106) are all part of a generic communication network that forwards phone calls.



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